Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, There are more than 106,000 licensed nurse practitioners in the United States with 309 in South Dakota, providing high-quality, cost-effective healthcare for the past four decades; and,

Whereas, Nurse practitioners are registered nurses with advanced education and advanced clinical training, most with master's or post-master's degrees; and,

Whereas, Nurse practitioners diagnose acute and chronic conditions, prescribe medications, treat illnesses and counsel patients on healthcare issues; and,

Whereas, The excellence, safety, and cost-effectiveness of the care provided by nurse practitioners has been established; and,

Whereas, Nurse practitioners provide healthcare to people of all ages and in diverse healthcare settings such as private office practice, hospitals, long-term care facilities, schools, state and local health departments, and managed care facilities; and,

Whereas, More than 20 percent of nurse practitioners practice in rural settings with populations of less than 25,000, and of the 62 percent who work in cities with populations of more than 50,000, more than 39 percent work in inner-city areas; and,

Whereas, It is documented that patients of nurse practitioners are given more personal time and attention than they traditionally receive from other healthcare providers:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 6-12, 2005, as

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in South Dakota, and I call upon all citizens to join me in honoring and recognizing the many contributions that this dedicated group of healthcare professionals make to the health and well-being of the people in the communities they serve.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Nineteenth Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State